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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0032]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 160 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 160 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 2 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience over the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Gregory M. Anderson	David Holguin
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The following 52 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Dakota G. Abbott	Mohamed A. Barre	William J. Baughman
Drew R. Benton	Michael W. Brown	Ronald G. Burr
Luis A. Cortez	Michael A. DiBiase	Ronnie D. Dingal
Anthony D. Everett	Paul D. Ewey	Abraham Filmalter
Danny S. Flemister	Selese A. Fort	Buddy L. Gibson
Trevor Hall	Richard M. Haugen	Jason S. Hooker
William D. Hulsey II	Daniel M. Jackson	Samuel L. Kirkpatrick
Brian J. LaBarge	Justin T. Lewis	Samantha J. Linberg
Cedrick A. Martin	Aqif Matraku	Aaron A. McBride
Zachary J. Menchaca	Richard W. Merritt	Michael J. Miller
David R. Mitchell	Huon Morris	Lanee T. Morton
Rose M. Neely	Douglas Patton	Tina M. Petkovsek
Brian J. Poe	Derek D. Pratt	Michael S. Pressley
Lawrence K. Proctor	Alexander Pulido	Josue M. Rodriguez-Espinoza
Michael C. Shelp	Jerek Smith	Rashania M. Smith
James E. Soderquist	Kody L. Sullivan	Seifu A. Tilahun
Jovan C. Vega	Patricia A. Williams	Kimberly S. Wilson
Owen W. Witmer		

The following 27 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Guy L. Banks	Gary W. Brockway	Carlos D. M. Catillo
Tsz Fung Chiu	Eugene J. Corson	Terry D. Eberly
Juan J. Giron	Timothy F. Giza	Crescencio Gonzalez
Tasuli Gramosli	James W. Gray	Gregory L. Grover
Bobby M. James	Robert F. LaMark	Kevin A. Milam
Bryan S. Moses	Manuel Narvaez, Jr.	Kenneth Newswanger
Aaron B. Reke	Kenneth W. Seifert	Charles S. Shaffblower, Jr.
Michael Sierra	Roderick R. Sonnier	Ramon E. Tijerino
Alan L. Viessman	James D. Watters	Kenneth E. Wheland

The following 14 applicants did not have 3 years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Paul C. Alves	Christopher L. Ambers	John W. Black III
Benny W. Bledsoe	Michael C. Boyne	Philip L. Bradford
Jesus Cerros Palos	Richard B. Davis	Zack Fowler
James E. Frederick III	Daniel G. Y. Haile	Dustin M. Mills
Juan A. Ortiz	Gary W. Stevenson	

The following 13 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Caleb E. Boulware	Timothy D. Ferrell	Travis A. Francis
Nicholas D. Hansen	Gabriel L. Harrison	Jeffrey A. Jensrud
Ruslan Kochiyev	Edwin Martinez	William Perez
Daniel C. Sagert	Roger T. Simmons	Joseph L. Smith
Michael K. Soost		

The following 2 applicants were charged with moving violations in conjunction with a CMV accident:

Theodore N. Belcher	Perry T. Kolberg
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The following applicant, Bruce A. Rost, has other medical conditions that make him or her otherwise unqualified.

The following applicant, Jeremy M. Row, did not have an optometrist or ophthalmologist willing to make a statement that they are able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint.

The following 9 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Kyle D. Baer	Montie H. Cudd	Walter Gomez
Michael J. Howe	Kelly D. Kitchmaster	Stephen J. Pariseau
Henry Riser	Aaron G. Stoltzfoos	Willie Taylor III

The following applicant, Rufus L. Jones, submitted false documentation during the application process.

The following applicant, Stuart J. Daniell, did not have stable vision for the entire 3-year period.

The following applicant, Robert J. Duncan, is a Canadian citizen.

The following 7 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Dustin C. Barber	Dennis L. Bramlett	Madeline C. Duran
Valerian K. Legah	Larry M. Owen	James M. Trezza
Roger K. Wells		

The following 2 applicants were charged with moving violations in conjunction with a CMV accident:

William E. Brown	William Serrano
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The following 19 applicants will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Samuel B. Batten	Enrico Farro	Mike Fender
Douglas J. Frey	Joseph G. Gilmore	Dennis P. Keenan
Kenneth A. Lamb	Harlan R. Larson	Steven P. Orrell
Guadalupe Reyes	Robert L. Rice	Steven Rigitano
Ryan E. Rutter	Mario R. Scirica	Lloyd E. Shryock
Antonio Soto	John P. Steffens	John R. Wolfe

Roger D. Woodcock		
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Finally, the following 8 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

David M. Field	Jason M. Isaman	Anthony Woodruff
Dexter O'Neil	Samuel B. Martinez	Kenneth P. Smith
Daniel L. Homan	Dennis M. Varga	

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